LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Canceled*).

2. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 31, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

Claim 3 (*Canceled*).

4. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 2, further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 5-12 (*Canceled*).

13. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

14. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 13, further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 15-17 (*Canceled*).

18. (*Previously Presented*) A system for holding garment hangers, comprising:

a garment hanging rod with a diameter of a first dimension;

a hook shaped member having a body portion and a hook portion;

an opening in said body portion for receiving a strap;

an extended hook region on an end of said hook portion and having an extended hook region surface;

a body portion surface opposing said extended hook region surface and defining a hook opening between said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface;

wherein said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said garment hanging rod by passing said garment hanging rod through said hook opening; and

wherein said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface are configured such that a distance between said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface has a second dimension approximately a same size as said first dimension of said diameter of said garment hanging rod such that passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded.

Claims 19-25 (*Canceled*).

26. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

27. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 31, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

28. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface are convexly curved.

29. (*Currently Amended*) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:

a hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

a body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

a vertical plane of said device passing through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped ~~across said extended hook region surface when viewed in a direction from a side of said device when looking into said hook opening;~~ in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped ~~across said body portion surface when viewed in the direction from the side of said device when looking into said hook opening;~~ in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, and wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said ~~surface~~ vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.

Claim 30 (*Canceled*).

31. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 29, further comprising an opening in said body portion.

32. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 31, wherein a long axis of said device passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.